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Sir:

Enclosed are copies of publications the subject matters of which are mentioned in the International Search Report for the Examiner's review:

1. EP 0 570 188 published November 18, 1993;
2. EP 0 384 694 published August 29, 1990;
3. DE 198 28 857 published December 30, 1999;

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